

THE ARIZONIAN.

To the Memory of Burns.

The following beautiful lines were contributed by O. W. Holmes at a celebration in honor of the birthday of Robert Burns, held at New York:

His birthday—nay, we need not speak
The name each heart is beating—
Each glistening eye and flushing cheek
In light and flame repeating.

We come in one tumultuous tide—
One surge of wild emotion—
As crowding through the Frith of Clyde
Rolls in the Western Ocean.

As when yon cloudless, quanted moon
Hangs o'er each storied river,
The swelling breast of Ayer and Doon
With sea-green wavelets quiver.

The century shrivels like a scroll—
The past becomes the present;
And face to face and soul to soul,
We greet the monarch-poetant.

While Shonstone strained in feeble fights
With Corydon and Phillis—
While Wolf was climbing Abraham's heights,
To snatch the Bourbon lilies,

Who heard the wailing infant's cry—
The babe beneath the shieling,
Whose songs to-night in every sky,
Will shake earth's starry ceiling—

Whose passion-breathing voice ascends
And floats like incense o'er us,
Whose ringing lay of friendship blends
With Labor's anvil chorus?

We love him not for sweetest song—
Though never tones so tender—
We love him even in his wrong—
His wasteful self-surrender.

No soul could sink beneath his love,
Not even angel blasted;
No mortal power could soar above
The pride that all outlasted!

Ay! Heaven had set one living man
Beyond the pedant's tether—
His virtues, frailties, He may scan,
Who weighs them all together!

I fling my pebble on the cairn
Of him, though dead, undying,
Sweet Nature's nursing, bonniest bairn,
Beneath her daisies lying.

The wanning suns, the wasting globe
Shall spare the minstrel's story—
The centuries weave his purple robe,
The mountain-mist of glory!

The Secret of Success.

BY JOHN G. SAXE.

"Good luck is all!" the ancient proverb preaches;
But though it looks so very grave and wise,
Trust not the lazy lesson that it teaches,
For, as it stands, the musty maxim lies!

That luck is something were a truer story—
And in life's mingled game of skill and luck,
The cards that win the stake of wealth or glory
Are Genius, Patience, Perseverance, Pluck!

To borrow still another illustration,
A trifle still more specific and precise—
Small chance has Luck to guide the operation
When cunning Wit has loaded all the dice!

The real secret of the certain winner
Against the plottings of malicious fate,
Learn from the story of a gaming sinner,
Whose frank confession I will here relate:

"In this 'ere business, as in any other
By which a chap an honest living earns,
You don't get all the science from your mother,
But as you follow it, you lives and learns.

And I, from being much behind the curtain,
And getting often very badly stuck,
Finds out, at last, there's nothing so uncertain
As trusting cards and everything to luck!

So now, you see—which nat'rally enhances
The faith in Fortune that I used to feel—
I take good care to regulate the chances,
And always has a finger in the deal!"

A late Louisville Journal contains a string of verses addressed "to Geo. D. Prentice." The concluding one inquires whether he will not come to her "when balmy sleep" has wrapt her spirit "in a dream of bliss," and holy angels are watching her, and press upon her lips "a sweet kiss." Prentice says: "We emphatically answer, we will."

We wonder if Prentice would be satisfied with the kissing, on such an occasion?

MATTHEW HENRY says: "Women was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to top him—nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him—but out of the side, to be equal with him—under his arm to be protected; and near his heart to be beloved."

The best people in the world are those who are never heard of in public, but who quietly and earnestly attend to their own affairs.

A DESPERATE DUEL.—The following extract from a private letter, written by one of the private soldiers in the army of Utah, gives the particulars of one of the most desperate duels on record. The tragedy occurred in Cedar Valley:

"The parties to this sanguinary affair were two gamblers from St. Louis—Rucker and Peel. What gave rise to the difficulty was, that, in a game for \$1,000, Rucker played a secreted card, and was detected by Peel, who took the money, Rucker forfeiting the pile by the false play. The ensuing day the parties met at the Sutter's Store. While there, some remark by a third party revived the subject of the game, and the quarrel of words between Rucker and Peel took a more serious turn. Peel said there was but one way to settle the affair—they must fight. They adjourned outside the store, and taking their stations about ten yards apart, drew their revolvers and fired. Both fell at the first shot—Rucker shot in the breast, and Peel in the shoulder. One of Peel's fingers was taken off by the shot. The second shot took effect in both. Rucker then raised up on his knee and fired twice, both balls hitting Peel. The latter bleeding from six wounds, struggled up from the ground, and resting his revolver upon his arm, and taking deliberate aim, shot Rucker to the heart. Peel is not expected to live; indeed, as I write, a rumor prevails that he is dead. Both of these desperadoes came out from the States last spring, and both had thousands of dollars of the soldiers' money, which they had won in a 'professional way.' Their death is not likely to be regretted among the soldiers."

Why are old maids like the militia? Because they are always ready, but never wanted.

Table of Distances.

For the benefit of travelers, we give the following table of distances between the stations on the Overland Mail Route from San Francisco to St. Louis, via Arizona:

San Francisco to Clark's 12, San Water 9; Redwood City 9, Mountain View, 12, San Jose 11, Seventeen Mile House 17, Gilroy 13, Pacheco Pass 18, St. Louis Ranch 17, Lone Willow 18, Temple Ranch 13, Firebaugh's Ferry 15, Fresno City 19, Elk Horn Spring 22, Whitmore's Ferry 17, Cross Creek 12, Visalia 12, Packwood 12, Tule River 14, Fountain Spring 14, Mountain House 12, Posey Creek 15, Gordon's Ferry 10, Kern River Slough 15, Sink of Tejon 14, Fort Tejon 15, Road's 8, French John's 14, Widow Smith's 24, King's 10, Hart's 12, San Fernando Mission 8, Canuengo 12, Los Angeles 12, Total 462 miles; time 80 hours.

Los Angeles to Monte 13, San Jose 12, Rancho del Chino 12, Temascal 20, Laguna Grande 19, Temecula 21, Tejon 14, Oak Grove 12, Warner's Ranch 10, San Felipe 10, Vallecito 18, Palm Spring 9, Cariso Creek 9, Indian Wells (without water) 32, Alamo Mucho (without water) Cook's Wells (without water) 22, Pilot Knob 18, Fort Yuma, 10. Total, 282 miles; time, 72 hours and 20 minutes.

Fort Yuma to Swivelers' 20, Fillbuster Camp 18, Peterman's 19, Griskewell's 12, Flap Jack Rancho 15, Oatman Flat 20, Murderer's Grave 20, Gila Rancho 17, Maricopa Wells 40, Socaton 22, Picachio 37, Pointer Mountain 22, Tucson 18. Total 280 miles; time 71 hours 45 minutes.

Tucson to the Cienega 35, San Pedro (without water) 24, Dragon Springs (without water) 25, Apache Pass (without water) 40, Steen's Peak (without water) 35, Soldier's Farewell (without water) 42, Ojo de Vaca 14, Mimbres River 16, Cook's Spring 18, Picachio (without water) 32, Fort Fillmore 14, Cottonwoods 25, Franklin 22. Total 300 miles; time 82 hours.

Franklin to Waco Tanks 30, Canodrus 36, Pinery (without water) 56, Delaware Springs 24, Pope's Camp 40, Emigrant Crossing 65, Horsehead Crossing 55, Head of Concho (without water) 70, Grape Creek 22, Fort Chadbourne 30. Total, 428 miles; time, 128 hours 40 minutes.

Fort Chadbourne to Station No. 1, 12, Mountain Pass 16, Phantom Hill 30, Smith's 12, Clear Fork 26, Francis's 13, Fort Belknap 22, Murphy's 16, Jackboro 19, Earhart's 16, Conolly's 16, Davidson's 24, Gainesville 17, Diamond's 15, Sherman's 15, Colbert's Ferry (Red River) 13½. Total, 282½ miles; time 65 hours 25 minutes.

Colbert's to Fisher's 13, Walls 14, Boggy Depot 17, Gary's 17, Waddell's 15, Blackburn's 16, Farley's 17, Riddell's 17, Holloway's 17, Traxton's 17, Walker's 17, Fort Smith 15. Total 192 miles; time 39 hours.

Fort Smith to Woolsey's 16, Brodie's 12, Park's 20, Fayetteville 14. Station 12, Callahan's 22, Harburn's 19, Couch's 16, Smith's 15, Ashmore 20, Springfield 15, Evans's 9½, Smith's 11, Boll's 11, Yest's 16, Bailey's 16, Warsaw 11, Burns's 10, Mulholland's 20, Shackelford's 13, Tipton 7. Total, 318½ miles; time, 48 hours 55 minutes.

Tipton to St. Louis, 160 miles; time, 11 hours and 40 minutes.

RECAPITULATION.

From San Francisco to Los Angeles, 462 miles.
Los Angeles to Fort Yuma, 282 "
Fort Yuma to Tucson, 280 "
Tucson to Franklin (El Paso), 360 "
Franklin to Ft. Chadbourne, 428 "
Ft. Chadbourne to Red River, 282½ "
Red River to Fort Smith, 192 "
Fort Smith to Tipton, 318½ "
Tipton to St. Louis, 160 "

Total, 2,700 miles.
Total time, 25 days. Time from Tubac to San Francisco, 11 days; to St. Louis, 16 days.

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